



Weather and Water (W&W) Goal Team Newsletter 24 March 2006

Weather and Water Goal Website:

http://www.ppi.noaa.gov/weather_water/ww_index.html

Next W&W Goal Team Meeting

- Monday, April 17th, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EST, SSMC-2 16246
 - o Call-in # 866-816-7309
 - o Password: 9762263

Action Items & Deadlines

March 31 – ISOS Definition due (NEP action)

March 31 – Space Weather Review and Evaluation due (NEP action)

April 17 – Review of Consolidated Observational Requirements List due

May 9 – Transition Teams Formation

June 9 – Transition Project Quad Charts due to PPI

September 30 – Transition plans due to PPI

Other Important Dates/Items/Issues

March 29 – Gulf of Mexico Cooperative Institute Grant Proposals due

April 3 – Cooperative Institutes Meeting

April 4-6 – W&W Goal meetings in Boulder

Notional PPBES Calendar:

March 15 – May 12 – Initial planning begins

April 14 – Guidance #2 released

May 15 – 19 – Hands on CasaNOSA training

May 31 – AGM published

June 2 – Goal Team Guidance released

July 7 – Draft Program Operating Plans complete

July 28 – Complete Program Operating Plans (POP)

August 23 – Submit Portfolio Analysis to DCO

August 30 – Combined NEP/NEC Brief

Notes from March 20th Meeting

- George Smith announced that initial guidance from PPI was imminent (since released March 21st). We expect the first draft AGM by the second week in April. There is a plan for the NOAA Goal leads to brief each other on their goal activities during their biweekly Wednesday meetings. Information was sent out to the PMs concerning the Boulder meetings. We are asking for major themes and would like information back by next Monday (4/5) to populate the agenda.

Finally, the Transition Board released the schedule of milestones this week as shown above in the Action Items and Deadlines.

- Dr. Ken Crawford gave the Goal team a preview of the **NERON** briefing prepared for the NOAA Executive Council (NEC). The brief detailed the purpose and background of the NERON program as well as a discussion of the issues and challenges facing the program. He also provided a vision for NERON in the future; and funding and program status. Questions were asked about the relationship of NERON to ISOS and where the archived data will be kept. A comment was made to emphasize the benefits of the program to the NEC.
- A briefing on the **Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS)** was given remotely by Paul Scholz in Charleston. Paul discussed what IOOS was, the various components and observing systems used, and the data management and communications (DMAC) definition. He concluded with a high level roadmap of where the program was going and provided funding information.
- Rob Mairs and Martin Yipper demonstrated the **CasaNOSA system** available on the internet. The system provides a mechanism for information is to be collected in CasaNOSA prior to the PBA/POP cycle. PMs will only need to update their observation systems and observational requirements databases. One of the goals is to identify any program's observational gaps and then to assist the PMs in justifying their program's alternatives in the PBA/POP cycle.
- The **Weather and Water Goal Team Web Site** was demonstrated by Jen Rhoades. She showed the features of the site and discussed the future enhancements to be added. The web site is intended as a central information depot for goal team activities.
- **Focal Points Reports:** In the interest of time focal point reports were not given.
- **Action Tracker Items** – Please be aware of the action tracker items shown above.

Announcements

- Upcoming Goal Team Meetings
 - o April 17, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, SSMC-2, Room 16246
 - o May 1, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, SSMC-2, Room 16246
 - o May 15, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, SSMC-2, Room 16246
 - o May 30, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, SSMC-2, Room 16246

If you have questions about this week's minutes, please contact Steve Schofield at 301-713-3391 x139 or Jenifer Rhoades at 301-713-1975 x173.